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### Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service reminds citizens to be fire safe outside the home

#### NEWS @ A GLANCE:

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) is reminding citizens to be fire safe outside the home this Spring.

(for more details, please read the full media release below)

WINNIPEG May 02, 2007 - The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) is reminding citizens to be fire safe outside the home this Spring.

Spring is the season with the highest daily average of fires, with the peak largely due to an increase in outside fires - especially brush and grass fires. Generally at this time of year, relative humidity tends to be lower, and winds tend to be higher. Sunlight can directly reach the ground to both warm and dry surface fuels (such as the previous Fall's leaves). Such conditions are favourable for the ignition of dry grass and brush.

To be fire safe, WFPS encourages citizens to follow local burn regulations:

- Inquire about requirements for open-air fires (such as bonfires, wood disposal, and warming fires);
- Do not burn trash or other debris without a permit and without proper knowledge (information is available through the WFPS Fire Prevention Branch);
- Be sure your house number is visible from the street to allow for easy identification by fire and medical vehicles;
- Remove excess combustibles around your home and avoid excess piles of wood and brush. This helps reduce the chance of your home or other structure catching on fire; and
- If you have questions or concerns about fire safety call the WFPS Fire Prevention Branch at 986-6358.

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